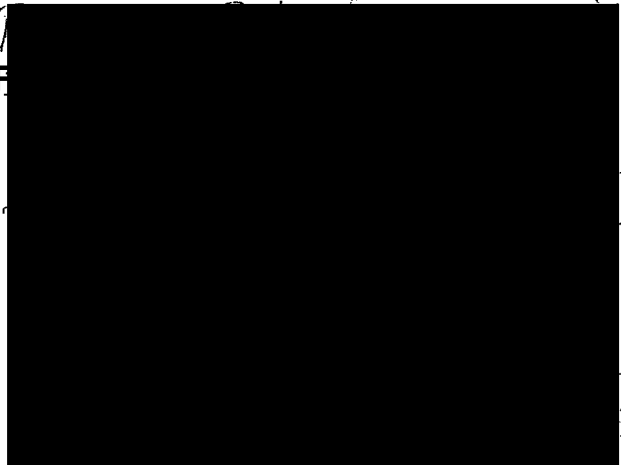


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SO YOU WANT TO BE A SPY: Russia and the U.S. appear to be embarked on programs to improve the image of spying as a career. Last Tuesday, a Moscow television program glorified the exploits of Soviet master spy Col. Rudolph I. Abel and disclosed that Abel had been decorated for his accomplishments. The next day the New York Herald Tribune reported that Francis Gary Powers, who was exchanged for Abel in 1962, had recently received a CIA medal. In February Izvestia announced the posthumous award of Hero of the Soviet Union to Col. Lev Manevich, and a Moscow street was named after Richard Sorge; both were agents in the Second World War. Accounts of intelligence heroes are beginning to flood Soviet book stalls. Sovietologists speculate that the Communists have been glorifying spies to boost the esteem of the entire Soviet security apparatus. The U.S. publicity may reflect concern that Congress is once again readying a critical probe of the CIA.